

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The pipe joint according to ~~claim 1~~Claim 8, wherein said joint body is made of a heat-resistant rubber ~~having and has a~~ rigidity with several millimeters of displacement absorbency against eccentricity, ~~expansion, and contraction and the like.~~

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The pipe joint according to ~~claim 1~~Claim 8, wherein on the surface of the outer side of ~~said~~ both flanges, a plurality of screw holes for connecting piping with an outward opening is provided in the direction of the circumference at prescribed intervals.

6. (Currently Amended) The pipe joint according to ~~claim 1~~Claim 8, wherein on the surface of the outer side ~~on the side of the inner circumference~~ joint body, a convex seal packing is formed into a unitary structure with the joint body.

7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A pipe joint comprising a hollow cylindrical joint body made of an elastic material of a prescribed length and having two ends, a circular flange embedded into each of the ends of the joint body and a plurality of axially-extending through holes provided at prescribed intervals around the circumference of the flanges and the joint body, each of the through holes comprising a shoulder hole and having a through bolt provided therein, a head of the through bolt being held in a shoulder hole at one end of the joint body and a nut affixed to the through bolt being held in a shoulder hole at the other end of the joint body to connect both flanges to the joint body.

9. (New) A pipe joint comprising a hollow cylindrical joint body made of an elastic material of a prescribed length and having two ends, a circular flange embedded into each of the ends of the joint body, a circular reinforcement member embedded in the joint body between the two circular flanges and a plurality of axially-extending through holes provided at prescribed intervals around the circumference of the flanges and the joint body, each of the through holes comprising a shoulder hole and having a through bolt provided therein, a head of the through bolt being held in a shoulder hole at one end of the joint body and a nut affixed to the through bolt being held in a shoulder hole at the other end of the joint body to connect both flanges to the joint body.